GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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MEDICAL INSURANCE SCHEME FOR TOBACCO PRODUCERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical insurance scheme had been introduced for tobacco producers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to popularise the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) The Tobacco Board had assisted the registered flue cured Virginia tobacco growers in getting medi-claim cover from an insurance company during 31.03.2002 to 31.03.2003. The insurance policy covered the grower, spouse, two children and parents below the age of 60 years. The scheme could not be continued in 2003-04 on account of steep increase in insurance premium and non-availability of floater facility.